

## **Lions Club of Michigan and Library of Michigan Partnership**

The Lions Club of Michigan has selected the Michigan Reads! program as one of their priorities this year. The Lions Club is encouraging its membership to participate in the program in their local communities. The Library of Michigan has presented them with information on the program and asked those members who are interested in participating to contact their local public library or local schools to find out what programming may be scheduled and how they can assist, such as being a guest reader or helping with a Michigan Reads! activity time.

If you would like to contact your local Lions Club to arrange a program with them, please go to <http://lionsofmi.com/districts-map/> to for contact information for each district.

As children with disabilities are a service focus for the Lions Club, if you have children with disabilities participating in your programs, you can request an audio version of *Woolbur* from the Braille and Talking Book Library at 1-800-992-9012 or [BTBL@michigan.gov](mailto:BTBL@michigan.gov). A Braille version is available by contacting the Low Incidence Outreach office of MDE at <https://mde-lit.cenmi.org/Contact.aspx>.

In addition, the Lions Club will be able to do KidSight screenings at Michigan Reads events. The KidSight Program is designed to identify treatable and preventable causes of vision loss in preschool children (ages 6 months to 5 years). The Lions Club uses a hi-tech mobile vision screener that is programmed to quickly and accurately identify vision disorders such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), anisometropia (unequal refraction power), astigmatism (optical defect), anisocoria (unequal pupil size) and strabismus (gaze deviations) through non-invasive testing. If you are interested in this service, please discuss this with the Lions Club district contact for your area.

The Library of Michigan appreciates the Lions Club of Michigan's interest in and concern for children's literacy and welcomes them to the program! For more information, contact Karren Reish at [reishk@michigan.gov](mailto:reishk@michigan.gov) or 517-241-0021.

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